Fuma Village, on Mt. Hakone...
The resident Fuma Clan had set up a barrier around the mountain that would not admit a single intruder.
Chapter 28: Birth of the Third Kotaro
NNGH ?
!?
THAT WAS NO ORDINARY ROAR! WE HAD BETTER GO CHECK!
WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED!?

T...THE BARRIER HAS BEEN BREACHED !!!
A... AND THE WHOLE FOREST IS GONE ...
SO YOU'RE THE FUMA'S' GUARDS?
WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.
W... WHO'S THERE !?

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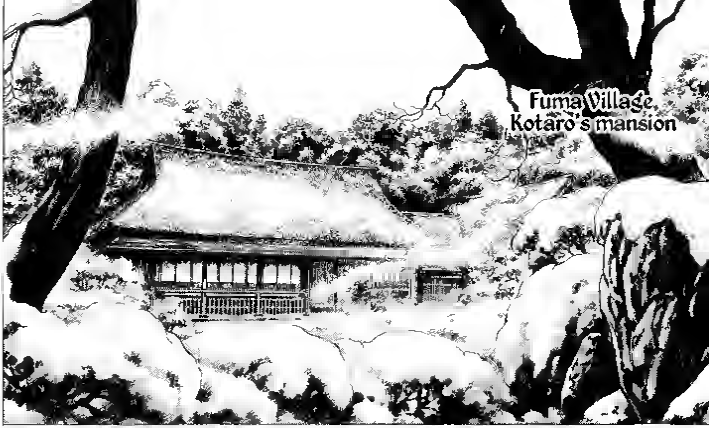
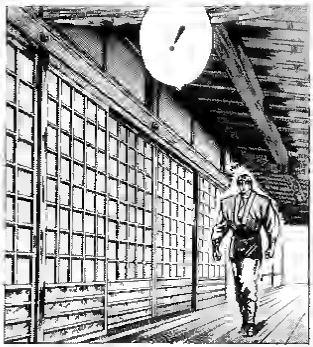

Fuma Village,
Kotaro's mansion

HOW FITTING FOR THE BIRTH OF THE THIRD FUMA KOTARO.
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A GIANT BOAR BEFORE!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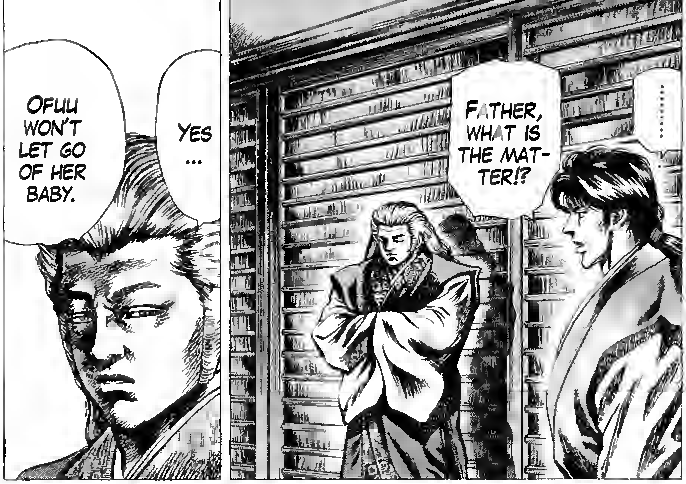
...MAN, I WISH I COULD HAVE SHOWN YOU ALL THE CUTTING EDGE OF HAKURAI!


OFUU WON'T LET GO OF HER BABY.
YES ...
FATHER, WHAT IS THE MATTER!?
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It was incredibly cruel.
This child was destined to become Fuma Kotaro. As the future head of the clan, he had to be schooled in many martial arts, including those of the ninja.
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WILL YOU GO TAKE IT FROM HER?
THE MORE SHE HOLDS ON TO IT, THE HARDER IT WILL BE TO LET GO.
HUH !?

And for that reason a mother was superfluous. That is why as soon as he was born, he was to be taken from his mother's arms and entrusted to the clan elders.
Everything he studied had to be firmly anchored in his head and body before he came of age.

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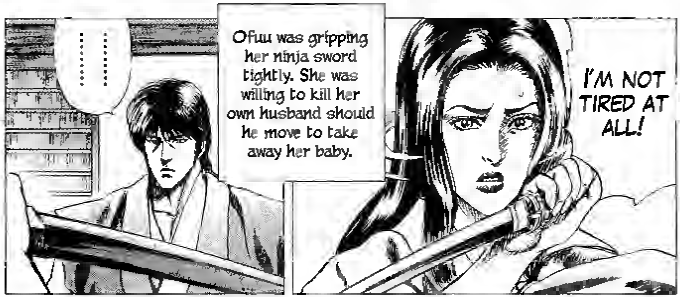
The blood was rushing to her head.

Rokuro knew that this was a very dangerous sign for a woman who had just given birth.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Ofuu was gripping her ninja sword tightly. She was willing to kill her own husband should he move to take away her baby.
I'M NOT TIRED AT ALL!

ISN'T HE CUTE?
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE A MONKEY.
I'M SURE HE'LL BE EVEN CUTER IN NO TIME. HE'S SURE TO BECOME HANDSOME.
YES, HE'S CUTE.
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YOU'RE RIGHT.
HE'S NOT HOLDING ONTO ANYTHING. HE'S STILL ACTING LIKE HE'S INSIDE ME. HAVEN'T YOU SEEN A BABY BEFORE?
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'S HOLDING ON TO SO TIGHT?

YOU DON'T MEAN ...
HE KNOWS I'M HIS FATHER.
HEHE ...
HOW POWERFUL ...
WHAT? ARE YOU SURE?
NO, HE CAN TELL.
HE CAN'T TELL THAT YOU'RE HIS MOTHER.
THEN ...
OF COURSE HE CAN'T TELL.

I've finally unravelled her feelings.

How joyous would it be for this family of three, the baby at their center, to live together in Mt. Hakone with the Puma forever...

He's been with me for ten months longer than you.
There's no way around it.

By the way, Ofuji ...

But... That alone cannot be...

How happy...

WHAT WILL I DO!?
W...
!?
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
AS SOON AS THIS CHILD WAS BORN, HE WOULD BE GIVEN TO A WET NURSE, AND I WOULD RETURN TO SUNPU CASTLE TO WATCH YOUR BACK...
THAT'S WHAT WE DECIDED... THAT'S WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN
I KNOW... I KNOW.
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
AS SOON AS I HELD THIS CHILD, I NEVER WANTED TO LET IT GO AGAIN!!
BUT I CAN'T !!

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DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
OFUU ...
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YOU'VE ACTUALLY DONE IT! YOU'VE GIVEN BIRTH TO A BOY!
OFUU, WELL DONE!
!!

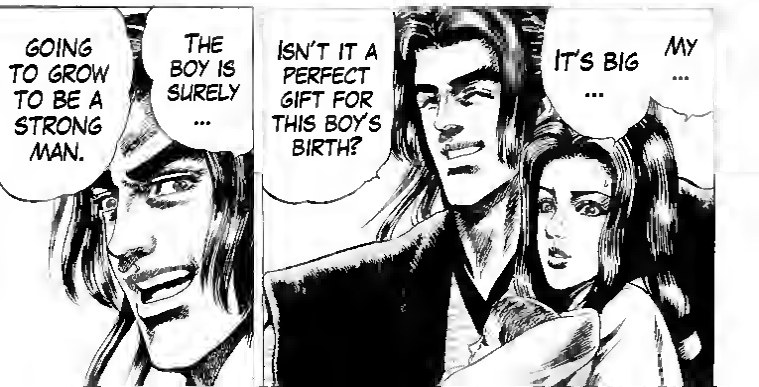
N... NO, DON'T!
THE TRUTH IS, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO SHOW YOU TWO.
WAH HAHA! WHAT A CUTE LITTLE THING!
AH!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "DON'T"? HAHA HAHA!

YOU'LL BE SO SURPRISED WHEN YOU SEE IT!
OFUU, THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL GIFT!
L... LORD SAKON ...!!

SEE? THERE IT IS!
MY LORD!

AHH... YOUR WOUND ...

WHAT DO YOU THINK!?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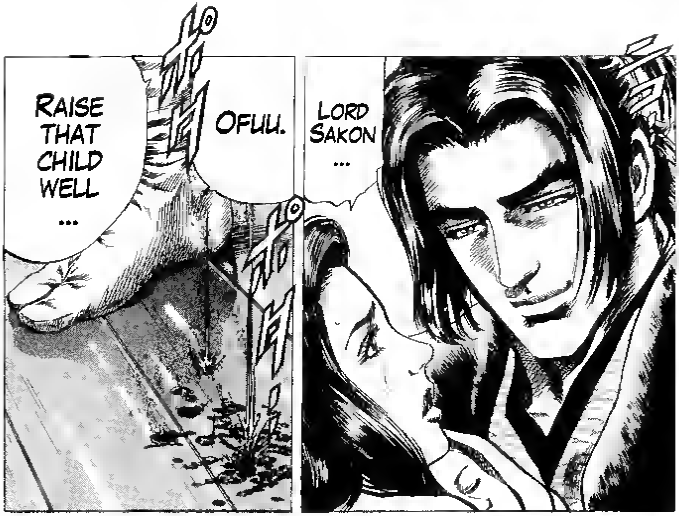
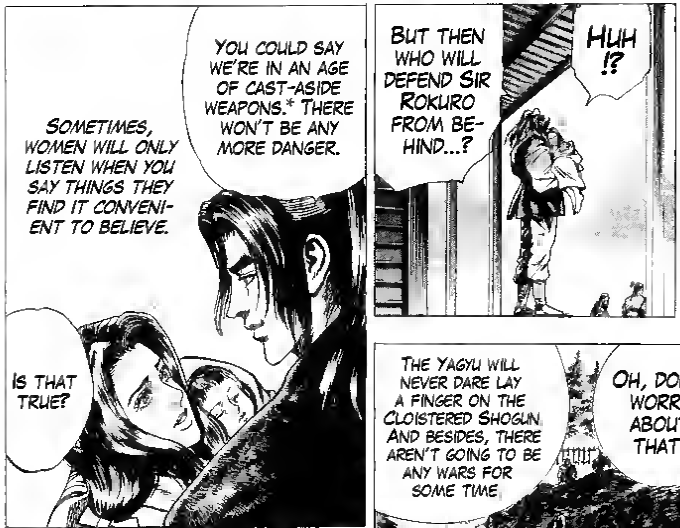
IT'S BIG ...
ISN'T IT A PERFECT GIFT FOR THIS BOY'S BIRTH?
THE BOY IS SURELY ...
GOING TO GROW TO BE A STRONG MAN.




SOMETIMES, WOMEN WILL ONLY LISTEN WHEN YOU SAY THINGS THEY FIND IT CONVENIENT TO BELIEVE.
YOU COULD SAY WE'RE IN AN AGE OF CAST-ASIDE WEAPONS.* THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE DANGER.
IS THAT TRUE?
BUT THEN WHO WILL DEFEND SIR ROKURO FROM BEHIND...?
HUH !?
THE YAGYU WILL NEVER DARE LAY A FINGER ON THE CLOISTERED SHOGUN. AND BESIDES, THERE AREN'T GOING TO BE ANY WARS FOR SOME TIME.
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT!

* *Age of cast-aside weapons* Because this means that all weapons have been thrown to the ground, it refers to a time of peace

YEAH. REALLY.
When Sakon said *Kokuro's job will become safer*, it was an utter lie. The Cloistered Shogun Ieyasu (Jirosaburo) was doing everything in his power to make Hideyori of Osaka a vassal of the Tokugawa, and have both clans coexist in peace. But this was a struggle more fierce and difficult than any war.
OFUU ...
HAS CHANGED FROM NINJA TO WOMAN, AND NOW TO A MOTHER.
FOOLISH OFUU.
SHE'S BELIEVED LORD SAKON'S LIES.
LORD SAKON ...
The Cloistered Shogun's scheme would make enemies not only of Hidetada, but also of Lady Yodo. In other words, he was risking his enemies doubling in number.

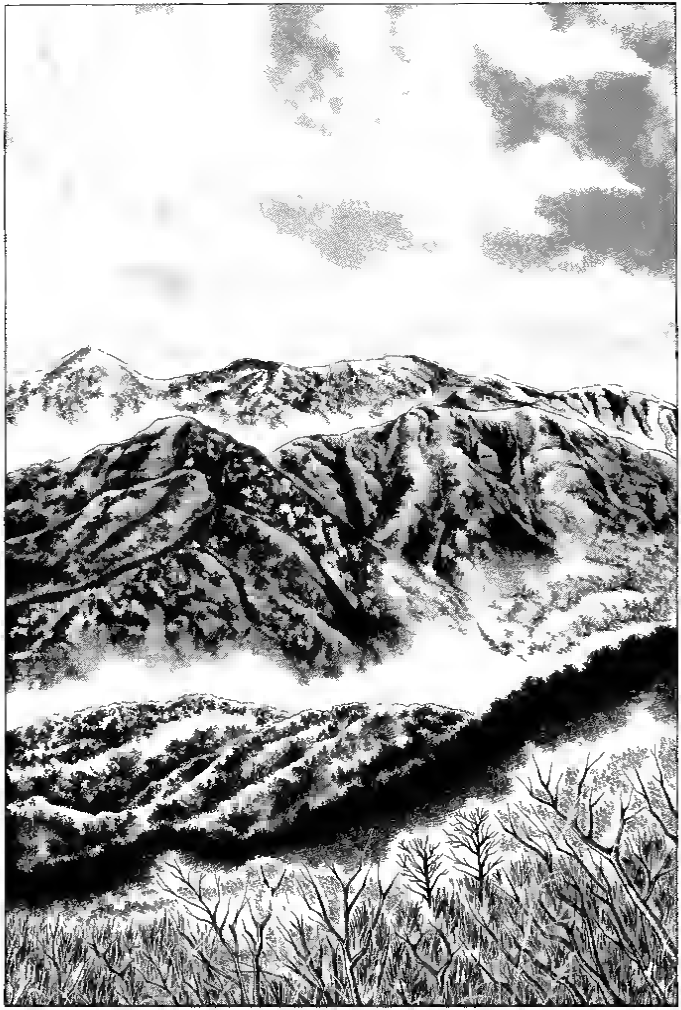
IT IS BETTER FOR THE MAN TO DIE...
TO PROTECT HIS WIFE AND CHILD.

RATHER THAN HAVE BOTH HIS PARENTS DIE...
THIS IS GOOD ENOUGH.

THE RAKSHASA!? IS THAT TRUE!?
W...WE FEAR THEY ARE THE RAKSHASA ...!!

REPORTING IN! THE ENEMY HAS BREACHED THE BARRIER AND IS INTRUDING!!

THIS VILLAGE IS SURROUNDED BY A MASSIVE ARMY!!!
YES! B...BUT THEIR ARMY IS MASSIVE ...
UNTHINKABLE... THE FUMAS' BARRIER IS A NATURAL LABYRINTH WE BUILT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE LAY OF THE LAND ON MT. HAKONE!
IT CAN NOT BE BREACHED WITHOUT A GUIDE!



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FIGHT TAZMO

To my fellow fans -

Recently, a member of the community named Blud typed out a informative, and well written page that detailed the exploits of Narutofan creator Tazmo.

The point of this was to further spread the awareness of who Tazmo is, what he does, and why it is wrong. However, things like these tend to eventually need updating, and that is why this has been typed out.

What Blud stated is all very correct. However, it must be brought to everyones attention that Tazmo has expanded into full blown, stand alone websites that he has referred to as "revolutionary services".

http://www.anime-plus.com

and

http://www.manga-plus.com

These websites seek to misinform manga and anime fans across the world into believing that his services are fair, the only one of their kind, and more secure than using other resources such as IRC or BitTorrent to get what you want.

The truth is as follows: Tazmo himself uses IRC and BitTorrent to get the files on his websites. He uses the FREE resources that every single one of you can also use, so that he can charge you various fees for getting what is FREE.

Tazmo is profiteering off of a FREE service provided by various members of the anime and manga community who donate their spare time to bring the latest manga and anime to you for FREE. They donate their time, work, and abilities in various areas, as well as use their own bandwidth to serve files.

There are various FREE ways to get and read the manga you want. There are free online readers such as http://www.onemanga.com as well as http://www.mangahut.com.

There are also resource websites such as http://www.mangahelpers.com, http://www.mangashare.com, as well as database resource sites such as http://www.mangaupdates.com.

There are thousands of people who work thousands of hours weekly to bring you the manga you love to read, as well as the anime you love to watch. They do it not to make a profit, but for FREE as a FREE service to the community that we all love very much. **EVERYTIME TAZMO MAKES MONEY OFF OF THEIR HARD WORK HE NOT ONLY INSULTS THEM, BUT INSULTS ALL THOSE WHO PAY FOR HIS SERVICE. Do the right thing, stop supporting Tazmo.**

Drafted by Kaleb. Inspired by Blud. Free distribution with any releases is encouraged.
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